

COFER AFTER SIDEWALK RATS

(From Wednesday's Advertiser.)
The Board of Supervisors met last night. Present were Chairman Hustace, Supervisors Dwight, Fern, Harvey, Cox, Archer, Kealoha; Assistant County Attorney Milverton, Clerks Kalauokalani, Aea, Buffandeau; W. L. Prazee, Colonel Sam Johnson, County Engineer Gere, Fire Chief Thurston, C. S. Holloway, and representatives of the press.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved, the following bills were ordered paid:

BILLS.
Waialua road district, \$85.69.
Koolauloa road district, \$28.50.
Com. collect. road tax, Ewa, \$210.26.
Com. collect. road tax, Waialua, \$23.52.
Com. collect. road tax, Waialua, \$3.70.
Waialua road district, \$250.
County Clerk, \$170.
County Attorney, \$400.
Kaplanian Park, \$165.
Fire department, \$1822.50.
Road department, \$730.
Garbage department, \$105.
Police department, \$2262.50.
Electric light department, \$360.75.
Police and fire alarm system, \$95.
County Treasurer, \$125.
Fixed salaries, \$1670.
Poundmaster, \$30.
County Auditor, \$125.
Keepers of parks, \$100.
Hawaiian band, \$635.
County Engineer, \$212.50.
Keepers of parks, \$25.23.
County Attorney, \$5.
Koolauokalo road district, road tax, \$1437.25.
Coroner's fees, \$60.

Owing to the fact that old bills have been coming in from the Park Commission, which the Supervisors do not understand, the park appropriation for this month was cut out.

BISHOP STREET EXTENSION.
The following communications were read:

Honolulu, Hawaii, April 28, 1908.
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors, County of Oahu, Honolulu.
Gentlemen: The undersigned, the Henry Waterhouse Trust Company, Limited, hereby respectfully petitions your honorable body to take immediate measures to grade and macadamize Bishop street extension from King to Merchant, and in the event of your deciding to do this, the undersigned hereby agrees to bear the expense of curbing said thoroughfare. We urge promptness in this matter, believing that it will aid the Delegate at Washington in getting a speedy appropriation for the building itself.

Hoping for a favorable action in this matter, we beg to remain, very truly yours,

HENRY WATERHOUSE TRUST COMPANY, LTD.
A. N. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

Honolulu, T. H., April 28, 1908.
Gentlemen: I have to inform you that the Territorial Government has secured and is now the owner of the extension of Bishop street between Merchant and King streets, and would most respectfully request that you, at your earliest opportunity, remove the fences, and open, grade and macadamize the street to line and grade. Very truly yours,

MARSTON CAMPBELL,
Superintendent of Public Works.
The Honorable the Board of Supervisors of the County of Oahu, Honolulu.

It was moved and carried that the county curb the street with the understanding that it be reimbursed by the Waterhouse Trust Co.

BOUQUET FOR THURSTON.
A letter from Admiral Very was read highly commending the services of Fire Chief Thurston and Assistant Fire Chief Deering, in dealing with the recent fires in the naval coal piles.

ROUGH ON RATS.
The following communication from President Cofer of the Board of Health was read and referred to the County Attorney:

Honolulu, Hawaii, April 24, 1908.
To S. C. Dwight, Esq., Chairman, Road Committee, Board of Supervisors, Honolulu.

Dear Sir: I have to invite your attention to the board sidewalks now in use at the places designated below, and ask your aid in having them replaced by gravel or cement walks. In their present condition they are perfect rat harbors, and are not only for this reason detrimental to the public health in the long run, when such a disease as bubonic plague is to be taken into consideration, but they act at the present time as a distinct impediment to our work of ridding the town of rats.

Location of board sidewalks:
T. Yano, 168-176 Vineyard street.
Hop Kee, mauka-Waikiki corner Liliha and Vineyard streets.
Lam Yip, mauka-Waikiki corner River and Kukui streets.
Lau Chee, Kukui street, Waikiki.
Lam Yip.
Y. M. Wee, 144 Beretania avenue.
Geo. Lycurgus, 1275-1293 River street.
Leong Duck Ying, makai-Waikiki corner Kukui and River streets.
C. K. Al, Star block, makai-Ewa corner Kukui and Fort streets.
Alakea street, corner Queen street (makai-Ewa).

All the balance of district bounded by Beretania avenue, River and Alakea streets and city front have cement sidewalks with this one exception.

Yours very truly,
L. E. COFER,
President, Board of Health.

"Let the government help," exclaimed Hustace; "they're taking enough out of the country."

"Cofers going to be a big expense to the county," sadly remarked Harvey.

The matter was finally referred to the County Attorney.

COUNTIES LIABLE FOR SOME TORTS

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The Supreme Court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of Kumazo Matsamura vs. The County of Hawaii, holding that the county is liable for injury to private property lying outside of a public highway, caused by the negligence of county employees in repairing the highway.

The cause of action arose by reason of the fact that in repairing a road in Hamakua, the county employees turned a stream of water out of its course. It undermined a bank causing a landslide which fell on the roof of the plaintiff's house, crushing it and nearly killing its occupants. Judge Parsons on demurrer held that the county was not liable. The plaintiff was represented by Carl Smith and A. F. Judd. The Hawaii Supervisors were represented by the Attorney General.

The opinion of the court is concurred in by Chief Justice Hartwell and Justice Ballou. Justice Wilder files a dissenting opinion. The majority of the court were undoubtedly largely influenced by a decision arising out of somewhat similar circumstances in the District of Columbia.

The decision is a very important one and is published in full elsewhere in this paper.

THE EDMUNDS ACT.
William Black and Mary Oleson were bound over by Commissioner Hatch yesterday morning on a charge of violating the Edmunds Act. Ball was fixed at \$500. The woman, who has five children, was allowed to go for the day on her own recognizance that she might find some one to go her bail.

Frank Borges and Laura Schauer waived examination on a similar charge and were held in the same bail.

Tom and Yuki Yoka will have a hearing on the same charge today.

ASKS A NONSUIT.
In the damage suit of Carolina Viera against the Waialua Agricultural Company, the defense has asked for a nonsuit on the ground that the plaintiff has not shown wherein the appliances used were defective. The plaintiff contends that it has shown that the car on which the defendant was riding when he met his death was defective in this that the brakes did not stop the car in something like a hundred feet when with proper brakes the car should have been stopped within a much shorter distance. The car itself was brought to the court house for the examination of the jury. Argument on the motion for nonsuit lasted most of the day.

MILLS APPEALS.
H. T. Mills has appealed from the decision of Judge Lindsay denying him a writ of habeas corpus.

UNCLE SAM'S LONG ARM.
Judge Dole and a jury were engaged yesterday in the trial of Man Pio charged with stolen property belonging to the United States, more particularly with receiving postage stamps from Abraham Keaulana which the latter had stolen from a postoffice on the other side of this island. The indictment against Man Pio was returned in 1905, but the defendant has eluded arrest ever since then; for a time, it is claimed by the Federal officers, through the efforts of George Kekauoha who used to be the political boss over there. W. T. Rawlins is prosecuting and A. D. Larnach is defending. The case is considered important by the Federal officers for the moral influence it will have in teaching the Koolau community where it happened that Uncle Sam has a long arm.

THE BATTLESHIP FLEET ARRIVED OFF CORONADO APRIL 14, and received its first welcome to the United States since leaving Hampton Roads.

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The French and Italian cars in the New York-Paris race have left Seattle for Japan. The American car, which was turned back in Alaska will leave in a few days.

Miss Carmen Ghirardelli, daughter of the chocolate magnate, saved \$2000 worth of jewels at a risk of her life during the burning of the Routhwaite home in Piedmont.

The wife of the mayor of Sacramento, Cal., gave her husband a public scolding because he allowed Emma Goldman, the anarchist, to address a meeting in Sacramento.

A Catholic priest at Reno, Nevada, pleaded with the workmen and finally ended a strike which has tied

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS FROM MAINLAND FILES

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Chinese butchers in San Francisco have adopted Union rules.

The State realty convention has begun its meeting in Sacramento. Eighty-six thousand voters have registered in San Francisco to date.

Health officials report the sanitary condition of San Francisco's schools to be bad.

A new Presbyterian Mission home has been opened in San Francisco for Chinese girls.

A fire in the hotel at San Rafael was put out by the manager armed with a seltzer bottle.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra is to visit Oakland in the near future and give concerts.

An Italian peddler in Oakland was fined \$50 for selling impure sweets and ice cream to children.

The Southern Pacific has laid off 250 men at Sparks, Nevada. No reason for the act was given.

The Southern Pacific is ordering new ferry boats for San Francisco bay and a fire tugboat for Seattle.

The total fleet celebration in San Francisco will cost \$67,000, of which \$10,000 remains to be raised.

Dr. Henry T. Legler, the oldest physician of Oakland, is dead. He was a veteran of the Civil War.

The 507 state banks of California hold \$421,000,000 according to the last report of the Bank Commissioners.

The citizens' health committee of San Francisco have inspected nearly 140,000 premises during the last two months.

The Mare Island Navy Yard has been approved by a special examining board appointed by President Roosevelt.

Grandstands seating 25,000 people, will be erected in San Francisco streets along the line of the street parade of sailors.

San Diego contained upwards of 50,000 people on April 14, thousands having poured into the town to welcome the fleet.

Enormous crowds visited the fleet at San Diego April 16, the vessels being thrown open to visitors for the first time.

San Francisco will vote upon a proposed \$100,000 bond issue next month, the money to be used for public improvements.

The schooner Orient tried to leave San Francisco three times for Eureka but each time had to put back on account of storms.

J. Dalzell Brown, wrecker of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, will go on trial in San Francisco on April 24th.

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The Oakland Transcontinental, Aerial and Power Company, a wireless concern which has been selling stock, is being investigated by the police as it is said to be a rank fake.

The Shrimers in connection with the Sells-Floto shows, will give a circus for the benefit of the Children's Hospital of San Francisco on April 27. The tents will cover ten acres.

A large meeting of laborers is planned in San Francisco to voice the protest of organized labor against the recent anti-labor decision of the United States Supreme Court.

Captain A. W. Hall, an old-time seaman with a bad record, is trying to interest San Francisco society women in a scheme to unearth buried treasure on an island in the South Seas.

The California Wine Association has been awarded \$2500 on a Commercial Union Insurance Policy. This is an earthquake settlement, the insurance company trying to avoid payment.

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FINAL SURVEYS OF KAPAA VILLAGE

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